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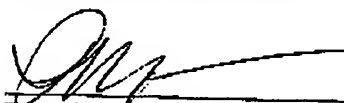
Claims 8-25 are allowed. Claims 1-2 and 4-7 stand rejected on prior art grounds and are herein cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Claim 3 was previously cancelled.

II. Formal Matters and Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 8-25, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,

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